

- We are looking to complete a local walk to discover historical facts about Trawden (and complete another 'bucket list' activity) on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 from 1:15pm 3:00pm and need some volunteers. If you are available to help, please let the school office know, by *Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January*.
- Are you available for a morning or afternoon every week? Would you like to help our children make greater progress with reading? If so, please inform the school office that you would like to listen to some readers.

Dear Parents/guardians,

Happy New Year! Miss Hart and I hope that you all had a wonderful break over Christmas. How quickly the first term passed! We have been really impressed by the progress children have been making so far and know this will continue throughout this next term. Many staff members have commented on how amazed they were with our nativity performance. We hope you enjoyed watching as much as we enjoyed performing!

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Make sure you check our school Facebook Page or our class page on the website for photos of our learning.



# **Birthdays**

Please join us with wishing the following children a huge 'Happy Birthday' as turn 7 this half term!

Tom
Freddie R
Molly
Anna
Mason
Thomas



Our topic this half-term is "Terrific Trawden" and will include:

**English** – Stories by the same author and non-chronological reports. Additionally, we will be focussing on using 'when' for subordination and apostrophes for contraction.

**Maths –** Number and place value, measurement, geometry (2D and 3D shapes), counting and money, multiplication and division.

**History** – Finding out and comparing how the place where we live has changed over time. We will also have a special visit from someone who has lived in Trawden for over 60 years!

**Geography –** We will be looking at local places we can play, conducting fieldwork by exploring and using different maps.

**Science –** We will be focussing on Scientific Investigations and be completing a new investigation each lesson.

**Art –** Making observation drawings of the local area using different mediums and printing.

**Computing –** Online Safety and creating documents.

**PE –** ProSport will be teaching children gymnastics. PE kits will be needed on **Wednesdays.** 

## Reading / Reading Books

Reading is extremely important to your child's education and children need to show they can read the words in a book and show their understanding of each book. Please read with your child on a daily basis and ensure that they take home and bring in their yellow reading record and reading book on a daily basis.

In Year 2, we will be changing reading books twice a week on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**, <u>providing a comment has been written in their reading record and children bring their books into the classroom</u>. Please also *record any other books that your child has chosen to read* at home or the library to help us celebrate their love of reading.



We will not be participating in Forest School this half term.

### **Key Dates**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January –** PTFA Toast Morning

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January –** KS1 Kurling afterschool club starts

**Monday 20**<sup>th</sup> **January** – MAD Science afterschool club starts

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January –** Our local walk 1:15pm – 3:15pm

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February –** Road Safety Week **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February –** PTFA Toast Morning

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February –** Safer Internet Day

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February –** Parents' Evening (early)

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February –** Parents' Evening (late)

**Friday 14**<sup>th</sup> **February –** School Closes for half-term at 3:30pm

#### **Our Bucket List**

Meet an explorer ✓ Walk around Trawden ✓ Make a catapult Explore some woods ✓
Have a pirate day
Bake or cook

### **Ball Grove Exploration...**

We had a brilliant time exploring the woods and our detour to Lakeside Cafe. Thank you! We definitely enjoyed the juice and treats (the coffee was fantastic too!) Hopefully the reindeer dust helped the reindeer find your homes... Take a look at some photos from our exploration.



# **Book Bags**

We **remind** children daily to bring letters to the teacher and ask on Mondays and Thursdays if they need their reading books changing.

However, we are trying to develop independence and encourage the children that **it is their responsibility** to remember what is in their book bag and if they need their reading book changed. Therefore, we generally do not look through children's book bags.